

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A machine for grouping products lying on the ground, comprising:

a main frame carrying a first gathering device and a second gathering device, each having an inner end located toward a middle portion of the machine, the first and second gathering devices situated substantially one beside another with respect to a direction of travel of the machine during work; and ~~to which~~

a first swathing device and a second swathing device are respectively associated with the first and second gathering devices and located behind the first and second gathering devices with respect to the direction of travel; and

separation means situated in front of the inner ends ~~adjacent to~~ of the first and second gathering devices.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 16, wherein the separation means comprises at least one raking disk for rotating about an axis substantially horizontal and oblique relative to a direction of travel.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 17, comprising two raking disks placed as to practically form a V whose point is pointing in the direction of travel.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 18, wherein the two raking disks are offset one from the other in the direction of travel.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 17, wherein the at least one raking disk is connected to supports articulated on the main frame.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claims 17, wherein the at least one raking disk is driven in rotation by friction motion with the ground.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 16, wherein the separation means comprises at least one raking drum rotating about a substantially vertical axis.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 22, comprising at least two raking drums placed side by side.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 23, wherein the two raking drums are driven in rotation to turn away from one another at a front.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 24, wherein the two raking drums comprise on their lower part a flexible skirt to gather and move products.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 25, wherein the two raking drums comprise driving elements situated above the flexible skirts.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 16, wherein the separation means is situated in front of outer ends of the gathering devices.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 27, wherein the separation means comprises raking disks disposed obliquely relative to the direction of travel to move products toward the first and second gathering devices.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 28, wherein the raking disks are articulated on supports fixed to the first and second gathering devices.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): A machine as claimed in claim 17, wherein each raking disk comprises a circular support fitted with teeth on its entire periphery.

Claim 31 (New): A machine for grouping products lying on the ground, comprising:
a main frame carrying a first gathering device and a second gathering device, each having an inner end located toward a middle portion of the machine, the first and second gathering devices situated substantially one beside another with respect to a direction of travel of the machine;

a first swathing device and a second swathing device respectively associated with the first and the second gathering devices and located behind the first and second gathering devices with respect to the direction of travel; and

means for clearing the strip of land situated between the inner ends of the first and second gathering devices.